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INFO AMEMBASSY LUANDA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: GON CONCERN FOR DUTCH NATIONALS IN ANGOLA

1. FONOFF DIRECTOR MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA VAN DIJL
TLEPHONED CHARGE THIS MORNING (JULY 18) TO EXPRESS
CONCERN OVER SAFETY OF SOME 86 DUTCH NATIONALS RESIDENT
IN ANGOLA (INCLUDING THE 40 DUTCH PRIESTS REFERRED TO
IN THE HAGUE 3489) AND TO INQUIRE WHETHER EMBASSY HAD
RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL REPORTS FROM LUANDA ON THE
SITUATION THERE. CHARGE REPLIED TO THE LATTER QUESTION
IN NEGATIVE AND ALSO SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON ACCURACY
OF REPORTS IN THIS MORNING'S DUTCH PRESS THAT ZAIRE HAD
MADE AVAILABLE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TO
BEGIN EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONLS FROM ANGOLA.

2. VAN DIJL MENTIONED THAT DUTCH HONORARY CONSUL IN
LUANDA, WHO IS A BUSINESSMAN, WAS MEETING DAILY WITH
OTHER CONSULS AND THAT THE DUTCH CONSUL'S LATEST REPORT
FILED THROUGH THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN LISBON INDICATED
NO RPT NO GROUNDS FOR ALARM, LET ALONE EVACUATION OF
DUTCH NATIONALS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE FONOFF'S
RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECIDING ON THE EVACUATION OF DUTCH
NATINALS AND THE NEWSPAPER STORIES REFERRED TO ABOVE,
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VAN DIJL SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS US AUTHORI-

TIES WOULD CARE TO PASS ON FOR HIS CONFIDENTIAL USE. HE DID REQUEST THAT MATTER BE HANDLED WITH DISCRETION AS HE DID NOT WANT THE DUTCH HONORARY CONSUL TO RECEIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE HAGUE DID NOT HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN HIM.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AND EVALUATION BEARING ON THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN ANGOLA, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE NEED FOR EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS. THE GIST OF SUCH INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE USED DISCREETLY IN RESPONDING EARLIER INQUIRY FROM FORMER PRIME MINISTER DE JONG (THE HAGUE 3489).
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